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TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. HAMPDEN, SS.

To H. A. NORTHROP, *Constable of the Town of Palmer*, GREETING.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the town of Palmer qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet at the Town House in said Palmer, on Monday, the 17th day of March next, at ten o'clock, A. M., to act on the following articles, viz:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To determine the number of selectmen, overseers of the poor, assessors, school committee, and constables the town will elect for the ensuing year.

ART. 3. To act upon the reports of the selectmen, school committee, and other town officers.

ART. 4. To see if the town will vote to determine the compensation of the collector of taxes for the ensuing year.

ART. 5. To see if the town will allow a discount upon the taxes that may be assessed for the ensuing year.

ART. 6. To determine the manner the town will take to collect the taxes that may be assessed for the ensuing year, and state the terms and conditions of the same.

ART. 7. To elect all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 8. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the current expenses of the town for the ensuing year, and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 9. To see if the town will authorize its treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the taxes for the current year, the same to be paid from said taxes.

ART. 10. To determine the manner of repairing the highways and bridges for the ensuing year.

ART. 11. To see if the town will continue to hire the rooms now occupied for a lock-up and tramp-room.

ART. 12. To vote by ballot, which shall be, "yes" or "no," according to provisions of chapter 54 of Acts of 1881, in answer to the question, "Shall licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors be granted in this town?"

ART. 13. To see what action the town will take in regard to choosing a board of health.

ART. 14. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as revised by the selectmen.

ART. 15. To hear reports of committees and act thereon.

Art. 16. To choose committees and give them instructions.

Art. 17. To see if the town will make an appropriation for the benefit of the Young Men's Library Associatiom.

Art. 18. To see if the town will raise money for celebration of Decoration Day, or toward building a Soldiers' monument, and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 19. To see if the town will accept of the provisions of chapter 158, Acts of 1871, being entitled, An act to provide for the selection of road commissioners.

Art. 20. To see if the town will vote to pay Austin Woodard, Jr., the sum of five hundred dollars in settlement of claim for damages for injuries received through a defect in the highway in November, 1882.

Art. 21. To see if the town will increase the number of the committee on Town History.

Art. 22. To see what action the town will take in regard to letting private families enter the sewers in town.

Art. 23. To see what action the town will take in relation to draining Church and Pleasant streets in the Depot village.

Art. 24. To see if the town will grade the hill and widen the highway at Stimpson hill so called upon the highway leading from Palmer Center to Ware, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 25. To see if the town will vote to sell the whole or any part of the land owned by the town near the old church building at Palmer Center and make a conveyance of the same.

Art. 26. To see if the town will accept a town way as laid out by the selectmen in the Depot village, from Main street south-westerly under the tracks of Ware River and the New London Northern railroads, thence north-westerly past the foundry of Edgerton & Davis to the lumber yard of F. F. Marcy.

Art. 27. To see if the town will vote to pay the notes of Reubin and Pamelia Rogers.

Art. 28. To see if the town will vote to establish a watering trough at the Depot village and raise and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 29. To see if the town will vote to accept sections 10 and 11 of chapter 54 of the Public Statutes. Also chapter 242 of the Statutes of the year 1867.

Art. 30. To see what action the town will take concerning a new high school building and to raise and appropriate money therefor.

The polls will be open at ten o'clock A. M., and close at two o'clock P. M. The names of Selectmen, Overseers of Poor, Assessors, School Committee and Constables, who are voted for, must be all on one ballot. Town Clerk and Treasurer on a separate ballot. And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the different public places designated by the vote of the town, seven days, at least, before the holding of said meeting, and cause this warrant to be printed in the Palmer *Journal*, at least two issues before the holding of said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, on or before the holding of said meeting.

Given under our hands this first day of March, A. D. 1884.

H. G. LOOMIS,
E. G. HASTINGS.
JOSEPH KERIGAN, } *Selectmen of Palmer.*

A copy. Attest: H. A. NORTHROP, *Constable.*

Assessors' Report.

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS.

For support of poor,	$3,500.00
Contingencies,	2,500.00
Highways,	3,500.00
Bridges,	1,500.00
Railings,	200.00
Interest,	115.00
Discount on taxes,	1,500.00
Teachers' salaries, fuel and care of school-houses,	10,000.00
Contingent for schools,	900.00
Repairs on school-houses,	850.00
Salary of School Committee,	600.00
Soldiers' monument,	500.00
Decoration day,	100.00
Library,	500.00
Cemetery at Depot Village,	200.00
Heater, Thorndike school-house,	300.00
New school-house, Wire Mill,	2,500.00
New highway at Bondsville,	500.00
Pest-house,	1,000.00
Sewer at Depot Village,	3,000.00
" Thorndike Village,	2,000.00
County tax,	2,592.29
State tax,	2,130.00
	$40,487.29
Overlay on tax,	355.74
Non-resident bank tax,	1,739.10
Total on collector's book,	$42,582.13

VALUATION FOR 1883.

Personal estate,	$871,398
Real "	1,659,946
Total,	$2,531,344
Number of polls,	1,436
Tax on polls,	$2.00
Rate of tax,	$15 to $1,000

PALMER, August 6, 1883.

JOHN CLOUGH,
DAVID KNOX,
D. B. BISHOP,
Assessors of Palmer.

H. A. NORTHROP, *Collector,*
In Account with the Town of Palmer.

Amount due the town in uncollected taxes, March 1, 1882,		$2,476.37
To cash paid treasurer,	$2,134.57	
Abatements,	341.80—	$2,476.37
To amount committed to collector on tax book for 1883,		$42,582.13
Cash paid treasurer, Aug. 20,	$35,000.00	
Amount of discount,	2,234.00	
Cash paid treasurer after August 20,	3,856.13	
Amount due the town,	1,492.00—	$42,582.13

Uncollected taxes, $2,017.92.

H. A. NORTHROP, *Coll.*

Treasurer's Report

Of the Receipts and Expenditures for the year ending March 1, 1884.

Balance in Treasury March 5, 1883,	$2,978.98
Received of Palmer Savings Bank, borrowed,	5,000.00
State Treasurer, corporation tax,	790.90
National Bank tax,	407.39
State aid,	545.66
Military aid,	172.00
Aid to State paupers,	91.45
Transportation, State paupers,	11.25
Burial of State paupers,	45.00
Income Mass. school fund,	273.54
County Treasurer, dog fund,	252.12
Lock-up fees,	35.50
A. D. Smith, board of Mrs. Burlingame,	16.50
G. W. Randall, auctioneer's license,	2.00
J. A. Palmer, " "	2.00
J. A. Palmer, cash received for damage to pest-house,	18.00
City of Worcester, expenses on account of paupers,	34.00
Town of Randolph, aid to Michael Lynch,	19.02
Town of North Brookfield, aid to Lewis Mathews and family,	106.99
Town Hardwick, aid Hammond children,	10.50
Belchertown, repairs on bridges,	103.18
Interest on Merrick fund,	34.34
Interest on Thompson fund,	43.27
Old plank,	5.50
Stove,	8.00
Tuition at Bondsville,	7.00
Rent of school lot at Three Rivers,	5.00
Rent of town hall,	150.00
H. A. Northrop, taxes, 1882,	2,134.57
H. A. Northrop, taxes, 1883,	38,856.13
	$52,159.79

EXPENDITURES.

Paid	Palmer Savings Bank, borrowed,	$5,000.00
	Interest on borrowed,	41.31
	County tax,	2,592.29
	State tax,	2,130.00
	National bank tax,	1,618.31
Deposited in Savings bank for soldiers' monument,		500.00
	State aid,	460.00
	Military aid,	336.00
	Selectmen's orders,	20,268.75
	School committee's orders,	12,944.66
		$45,891.32

Total receipts,	$52,159.79
Total expenditures,	45,891.32
Balance in treasury,	$6,268.47

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. B. SHAW, *Treasurer.*

REPORT

OF THE

Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor.

For the Year Ending March 1, 1884.

In presenting our annual report to the voters of Palmer, we would say the highways are in very good condition throughout the town. We have hardened some six miles of road this past season, and if this plan of hardening roads is continued from year to year, it will be but a few years before this town will have as good roads as there are in the State.

BRIDGES.

We have made quite extensive repairs on bridges throughout the town. The Cooley bridge had to be new timbered and planked throughout, as also the Ferrill and Bondsville bridge, between our town and Belchertown. This present year the King bridge, as well as the wooden bridges at Three Rivers and Thorndike, will have to be new planked.

RAILINGS.

We have overrun our appropriation a small amount, and as the railings throughout the town in many places are very poor, it seems to us necessary that there should be considerable new railing put up this present year.

Our Poor Farm, under the management of Mr. and Mrs. Greenleaf, has been well looked after and the inmates well cared for, to the satisfaction of the Overseers of the Poor.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

H. G. LOOMIS,
E. G. HASTINGS,
JOSEPH KERIGAN. } *Selectmen and Overseers of Poor of Palmer.*

HIGHWAYS.

Appropriation, $3,500.

M. C. Mowry, labor on highways,	$3.05
J. R. Wellman, breaking out roads,	12.00
J. R. Wellman, labor on highways, District No. 5,	255.30
Jerry Dutton, breaking out roads,	4.50
Geo. H. Calkins, repairing road near his house,	9.90
Wm. Nelson, year's gravel for 1882 and 1883,	11.00
J. S. Loomis, labor on highway, District No. 4,	367.75
J. S. Loomis, graveling on highway, District No. 4,	283.25
Eugene Shorley, repairing highway, District No. 6,	3.25
Henry McMaster, repairing highway, District No. 2,	4.30
J. D. Sawyer, cash paid Mrs. Crowly for gravel,	5.00
J. D. Sawyer, labor on highway. District No. 3,	475.00
J. D. Sawyer, hardening road, District No. 3,	99.50
J. F. Twiss, labor on highway, District No. 2,	380.00
J. F. Twiss, hardening road, district No. 2,	66.90
J. F. Kerigan, labor on highway, District No. 10,	140.00
J. F. Kerigan, hardening roads, District No. 10,	30.75
E. M. Bartlett, labor on highway, District No. 13,	120.00
E. M. Bartlett, hardening roads. District No. 13,	44.25
Calvin Blodget, labor on highway, District No. 8,	130.00
F. D. Orcutt, repairs on highway, District No. 12,	1.87
Frank Miller, labor on highway, District No. 14,	75.00
W. H. Bush, labor on highway, District No. 12,	78.89
Luther Collis, labor on highway, District No. 11,	340.00
Luther Collis, hardening roads, District No. 11,	56.10
Samuel Brown, labor on highways, District No. 1,	125.00
Samuel Brown, hardening roads,District No. 1,	23.75
George Moores, repairs on roads, District No. 3,	9.60
Michael Kinnevan, labor on highway, District No. 7,	70.00
James Olney, labor on highway, District No. 9,	35.00
James Olney, hardening roads, District No. 9,	17.00
W.K . Hitchcock, sewer pipe,	6.44
J. K. Knox, gravel for roads,	23.50
Mrs. J. K. Ferrill, storing scraper,	5.00
	$3,312 85

RAILINGS.

Appropriation, $200.

J. D. Sawyer, railing near Kelliher's,	$6.75
H. C. Smith, railing near William Hancock's,	58.00
J. R. Wellman, railing near King bridge,	12.50
Samuel Brown, railing near Old Center,	14.00
H. C. Smith, railing new road at Bondsville,	14.50
H. C. N. Cross, railing on Thorndike bridge,	5.50
F. F. Marcy, railing and lumber at Three Rivers,	92.59
	$203.84

BRIDGES.

Appropriation, $1,500.

H. C. N. Cross, lumber and labor on Thorndike bridge,	$1.50
Samuel Brown, repairing bridge near Harding Hunt's,	5.00
Joseph Kerigan, repairing Shaw and Whiting bridge,	41.84
Isaac Ramsdell, painting three iron bridges, Monson and Palmer,	60.00
F. F. Marcy, labor, spikes and bolts on Cooley bridge,	106.89
F. F. Marcy, labor and lumber on bridge near Goddard,	46.84
T. D. Potter & Co., labor and lumber on bridges,	78.28
T. D. Potter & Co., labor and lumber on bridge at Bondsville,	180.39
Shea & Moriarty, putting in sluice in Duckville,	20.00
J. A. Breckinbridge, painting Powers and King bridges,	25.00
J. F. Twiss, building wall and filling for Three Rivers bridge,	34.25
Joseph Kerigan, building abutment for bridge at old M. E. Church,	8.00
J. R. Wellman, repairing and plank on bridge near Keith's,	18.25
Samuel Brown, labor on stone bridge near town farm,	24.00
Thorndike Co., repairs on No. 2 canal bridge, Thorndike,	6.62
Town of Monson, repairs on Cooley and Blanchard bridge, 1882,	22.44
Joseph Kerigan, labor and lumber on Whiting bridge,	5.00
Barker & Garrett, repairing scraper,	13.65
Robinson & Brooks, spikes for bridges,	2.03
Paid town of Brimfield, balance due on bridges,	6.21
	$706.19

Received from town of Belchertown,	$103.18	
" " J. R. Wellman, old plank,	5.00	
" " T. Brown,	.50—	$108.68
		$597.51

NEW ROADS.

Appropriation, $500.

Mrs. Lucy Allen, land damage and moving shed,	$60.00
Charles Hastings, stone monument for roads,	2.25
George M. Atkins, building new road as laid by Commissioners,	280.00
Henry McMaster, building new road near Mrs. Allen's,	53.00
J. F. Twiss, building new road near D. Lamb's,	330.00
	$725.25

PEST HOUSE.

Appropriation, $1,000.

Hannah Calkins, for pest-house and land,	$800.00
F. F. Marcy, new windows and blinds for pest-house,	52.70
	$852.70

LIBRARY.

Appropriation, $500.

W. C. Dewey, Treasurer,	$500.00

CONTINGENCIES.

Appropriations, $2,500.

M. C. Mory, care of tramp room and lock-up to March 1, 1884,	$60.00
C. B. Fisk, advertising, warrants and printing reports, 1882, 1883,	122.63
Taft & Kennefick, insuring town house for five years,	22.50
J. A. Palmer, enforcing license law for year ending May 1, 1883,	175.00
O. P. Allen, public statutes,	3.10
L. Giffin, building and painting fence, Four Corners Cemetery,	319.08
E. F. Nichols, setting bounds and assisting surveyor,	3.50
W. H. Brainard, for surveying,	14.00
Samuel Brown, repairs on scraper,	1.50
Rufus M. Bacon, opening graves,	2.00
William Brooks, putting in shaft, broken on highway,	1.50
Joseph Kerigan, wood for town house,	12.50
H. P. Holden, crackers and oil for tramp-room,	11.01

John Clough, services as Assessor, ...	$125.00
John Clough, making duplicate valuation, . . .	18.00
D. B. Bishop, making duplicate valuation, . . .	20.00
David Knox, making duplicate valuation, . . .	20.00
David Knox, as Assessor, ...	120.00
D. B. Bishop, as Assessor, ...	125.00
John Clough, books and stationery, ...	8.32
Stephen Place, support of water tub to March 1, 1884,	5.00
William Brooks, lumber for voters' list, ...	.75
J. F. Twiss, cutting down street, ordered by Commissioners, ...	40.00
Walter Winter, repairing hearse, ...	2.85
F. C. Allen, cutting tree out of road and cleaning sewer,	2.00
Holden & Ellis, crackers, oil, etc., for tramp-room, .	29.55
J. F. Twiss, widening road at Three Rivers, ordered by Commissioners, ...	10.00
J. J. Moynehan, returning deaths, ...	13.50
A. L. Haynes, opening graves and returning deaths, .	37.40
J. K. Knox, support of water tub, ...	5.00
H. G. Loomis, services as Selectman, ...	150.00
Palmer Savings Bank, rent and heating lock-up and tramp-room, ...	180.00
G. A. Brown & Co., axe for town house, ...	1.20
E. G. Hastings, services as Selectman, ...	62.00
Smith & Co., oil and chimneys for railroad bridge lamp,	7.46
Silas Ruggles, M. D., returning 19 births, ...	4.75
W. H. Stowe, M. D., returning 16 births, ...	4.00
Dr. Sevoir, returning 28 births, ...	7.00
Wm. Holbrook, returning 9 births, ...	2.25
W. E. Holbrook, returning 7 births, ...	1.75
H. A. Smith, returning 13 births, ...	3.25
A. C. Downing, returning 5 births, ...	1.25
G. H. Wilkins, returning 3 births, ...	.75
Joseph Kerigan, services as Selectman, ...	125.00
W. E. Hancock, support of water tub, ...	5.00
David Knox, going with hearse, opening graves and returning deaths, ...	232.75
J. B. Shaw, oil for tramp-room, ...	.30
J. B. Shaw, services as Treasurer, ...	50.00
J. B. Shaw, recording births, marriages and deaths, .	97.50
J. B. Shaw, cash paid out, ...	5.00

C. L. Gardner, legal services, . . . , . .	$20.00
C. L. Gardner, services, Brown case, sewer contract, and road at Three Rivers, ...	16.00
G. W. Cobb, crackers for tramp-room, . . .	1.50
H. A. Northrop, collecting taxes for 1882, . . .	200.00
H. A. Northrop, posting town warrant, dog warrant, and Truant officer, ...	19.00
John Clough, sealing weights and measures, . .	5.80
	$2,534.20

DEBTS OF THE TOWN.

Notes due on demand, Permelia Rogers, ...	$1,300.00
Notes due on demand, Reuben Rogers, ...	1,000.00
Interest on above, due in 1883, ...	115.00
Interest on above, due in 1884, ...	115.00
	$2,530.00

CLAIMS AGAINST THE TOWN, MARCH 1, 1884.

Notes and interest, ...	$2,530.00
Due H. A. Northrop, Collector, ...	200.00
Outstanding orders, Nos. 306 and 308, to teachers, .	70.00
	$2,800.00

DUE THE TOWN, MARCH 1, 1884.

Balance in Treasury, ...	$6,268.47
H. A. Northrop, uncollected taxes, ...	1,492.00
Due from State for State aid, ...	796.00
Due from State on account of State paupers, . .	72.64
Due from Mrs. A. D. Smith, board Mrs. Burlingame,	48.50
	$8,677.61

SEWERS AT PALMER DEPOT.

Appropriation, $3,000.

J. B. Shaw, cash paid Charles Sidney for surveying and for specification, ...	$26.92
J. H. Austin, building sewers at depot, . . .	2,958.00
E. Calkins, cash paid for advertising proposals, . .	7.30
E. Calkins, services as committee, . . .	20.00
H. P. Holden, services and cash paid, . . .	6.00
	$3,018.22

SEWERS AT THORNDIKE.

Appropriation, $2,000.

Republican Co., advertising sewers at Thorndike,	$2.40
Charles Sidney, surveying and for specification,	26.00
J. H. Austin, building sewer at Thorndike,	1,462.49
W. H. Hitchcock, sewer pipe,	507.11
	$1,998.00

GRAND ARMY.

Paid William Holbrook,	$100.00

REPAIRING CEMETERY AT PALMER DEPOT.

Appropriation, $200.

Orson Stebbins, labor and lumber on fence,	$10.44
E. P. Bowen, painting fence,	43.37
	$53.81

SCHOOL HOUSE NEAR WIRE MILL.

Appropriation, $2,500.

J. M. Converse, land for school-house,	$200.00
W. H. Brainard, surveying school-house lot,	2.00
R. L. Goddard, grading school-house lot,	44.75
Madison & Lyman, building school-house,	2,014.09
S. S. Taft, cash paid O. D. Case & Co. for school furniture,	112.00
George A. Griffin, grading school-house lot,	64.50
Loomis Bros., settees and chairs for school-house,	15.10
	$2,452.44

SUMMARY.

Support of poor, paid out,	$3,811.25
Contingencies, paid out,	2,534.20
Highways, paid out,	3,312,85
Bridges, paid out,	706.19
Railings, paid out,	203.84
New roads and land damage,	725.25
Pest-house, paid out,	852.70
Sewers at Thorndike, paid out,	1,998.00
Grand Army, paid out,	100.00
Repairs on cemeteries, paid out, Palmer depot,	53.81
Library, paid out,	500.00
Sewers at Palmer depot, paid out,	3,018.22
School-house at Wire Mill, paid out,	2,452.44
	$20,268.75

APPROPRIATIONS.

School-house and land at Wire Mill,	$2,500.00
Support of poor,	3,500.00
Contingencies,	2,500.00
Highways,	3,500.00
Bridges,	1,500.00
Railings,	200.00
Pest-house,	1,000.00
Sewers at Palmer depot,	3,000.00
Sewers at Thorndike,	2,000.00
Library,	500.00
Grand Army,	100.00
Repairing cemetery at Palmer depot,	200.00
New roads and land damage,	500.00
Received from State for State paupers,	147.70
" " Town of Belchertown,	103.18
" " J. R. Wellman, for old plank,	5.00
" " Talma Brown, for old plank,	.50
" " Mrs. A. D. Smith, support of Mrs. Burlingame,	16.50
" " City of Worcester, on pauper account,	34.00
" " North Brookfield, aid to Mrs Matthews,	106.99
" " Town of Hardwick, aid to Hammond children,	10.50
" " Town of Randolph, aid to Michael Lynch,	19.02
Received interest on Thompson fund,	43.27
Due from State,	72.64
Due from Mrs. A. D. Smith, for support of Mrs. Burlingame,	48.50
Aid of Sullivan family, due from city of Fitchburg,	8.00
Due from city of Lowell, aid to Mrs. Mary Wilson,	111.00
Appropriations,	$21,726.80
Paid out,	20,268.75
Less than appropriations,	$1,458.05

Respectfully submitted,

H. G. LOOMIS,
E. G. HASTINGS,
JOSEPH KERIGAN,
Selectmen of Palmer.

The Selectmen would recommend the following appropriations:

Support of poor,	$3,500.00
Contingencies,	2,500.00
Highways,	3,500.00
Bridges,	1,500.00
Railings,	500.00
Interest,	115.00

Report of Overseers of the Poor.

SUPPORT OF POOR ON TOWN FARM.

Appropriation, $3,500.

Emma L. Sherman, work at Town farm,	$72.00
E. L. Greenleaf, balance of salary to April 1, 1883,	25.00
E. L. Greenleaf, salary to March 1, 1884,	320.83
E. L. Greenleaf, opening grave of Mrs. Ferrill,	2.00
Loomis Brothers, coffin and robe for D. P. Johnson,	14.00
O. C. Marcy, team to Fiskdale for Cobleighs,	5.00
Loomis Brothers, coffin for Asseaneth Green,	10.00
J. D. Sawyer, soap for poor farm,	11.00
Fosket & Holbrook, grain, feed and plaster,	144.05
A. M. Bond, range for poor farm,	34.25
James O. Hamilton, for express wagon,	27.25
Loomis Brothers, coffin for Mrs. Ferrill,	10.00
P. S. Trumble, for blacksmithing,	3.83
Geo. A. Murdock, goods for farm,	99.71
D. N. Squires, blacksmithing for farm,	7.84
Loomis Brothers, coffin for Mrs. Barker,	10.00
H. G. Loomis, services as Overseer Poor,	100.00
O. C. Marcy, carrying pauper to farm,	1.00
C. H. Rickets, attending funeral of Mrs. Barker,	3.00
E. G. Hastings, services as Overseer of Poor,	25.00
A. M. Bond, goods for town farm,	8.95
Joseph Kerigan, services as Overseer of Poor,	75.00
Wm. Holbrook, medical attendance on poor,	50.00
Wm. Holbrook, truss for Ball boy,	2.75
J. B. Shaw, goods for poor farm,	115.31
	$1,177.77
Received of Mrs. A. D. Smith, support Mrs. Burlingame,	16.50
	$1,161.27
Received from Thompson fund,	43.27
	$1,118.00

Inventory at poor farm, March 1, 1883,	$1,551.96
Inventory at poor farm, March 1, 1884,	1,575.74
Whole number of paupers,	15
Average number of paupers,	11
Whole number of tramps at tramp-room for the year from March 1, 1883, to March 1, 1884,	631

SUPPORT OF POOR NOT ON TOWN FARM.

Warren M. Trumbull, house rent to Mrs. F. Lester,	$23.00
J. D. Sawyer, coal and milk to Mrs. F. Lester,	31.50
Loomis Brothers, coffin for L. Matthews,	15.00
Loomis Brothers, coffin for Roberts child,	5.00
Loomis Brothers, coffin and services, J. Richardson,	18.00
Jacob Stever, milk to J. Sheehan,	18.78
Clark & Hastings, meat to J. Sheehan,	14.28
Clark & Hastings, meat to Mrs. L. Matthews,	11.09
Clark & Hastings, meat to John Griffin and wife,	2.00
Joseph Thompson, goods delivered to Mrs. Merrifield for Ball children,	30.45
Joseph Thompson, goods delivered to John Woods,	2.50
Joseph Thompson, goods delivered to Mrs. Burke,	2.50
D. B. Bishop, coal delivered to Mrs. L. Matthews,	10.88
D. B. Bishop, coal delivered to Mrs. J. S. Hutchinson,	10.62
J. Chapin Warner, support of Elinor Thompson,	29.45
Joseph Kerigan, wood to Owen Sullivan,	8.50
Joseph Kerigan, wood to Mrs. F. Lester,	5.00
Joseph Kerigan, wood to Mrs. L. Brown,	6.00
Joseph Kerigan, cash paid out for paupers,	15.00
Shea & Moriarty, goods to Thomas Fenton,	33.00
Shea & Moriarty, goods to Mary O'Connor,	12.00
Shea & Moriarty, goods to John Griffin and wife,	6.00
Shea & Moriarty, goods to Sullivan family,	8.00
Rebecca A. Palmer, support of Alfred Duncan,	60.00
J. A. Palmer, clothes for Alfred Duncan,	7.00
J. W. Calkins, house rent to Mrs. Merrifield for Ball children,	18.00
O. A. Parent, goods to D. Shea,	5.31
G. A. Murdock, goods to Mrs. James Hutchinson,	113.97
G. A. Murdock, goods to Mrs. L. Matthews,	65.02
G. A. Murdock, goods to Mrs. J. Sheehan,	37.01
G. A. Murdock, goods to Mrs. McGrath, Hurley boy,	17.51
Julia McGrath, support of Hurley boy,	34.49
Murdock Brothers, goods to Pat Dillon,	42.50
Murdock Brothers, goods to Hurlihea,	39.26
H. G. Loomis, cash to Tuffield Gokey, Massachusetts General Hospital,	5.00
H. G. Loomis, cash paid out for poor,	22.51

H. G. Loomis, stamps and stationery,		$16.00
Julia A. Johnson, care of Hammond children,		10.50
O. P. Allen, medicine for Mr. Ashworth,		1.70
H. P. Holden, goods to Pat Sheehan,		4.94
H. P. Holden, goods to Owen Sullivan,		5.00
H. P. Holden, goods to Wm. Mason,		3.50
Town of Shirley, aid to Geo. E. Burpee and family,		21.61
J. H. Thayer, goods to Jerry Horan,		5.00
J. H. Thayer, goods to Mrs. Michael Manion,		7.00
J. H. Thayer, goods to Mrs. L. Brown,		10.00
Wm. Holbrook, medical attendance for Mary Wilson,		41.00
Henry McMaster, team for Mary Wilson,		1.00
J. F. Holbrook, coal to Mrs. F. Lester,		10.29
J. H. Smith, hotel bill for Mrs. J. A. Richardson,		2.00
J. F. Holbrook, coal to Daniel Matteson,		5.31
Holden & Ellis, goods to Mrs. L. Matthews,		5.00
Holden & Ellis, goods to Mrs. F. Lester,		5.00
Holden & Ellis, goods to Mrs. L. Brown,		17.13
Holden & Ellis, goods to H. Cobleigh family,		5.00
Holden & Ellis, goods to Pat Sheehan,		29.85
Holden & Ellis, goods to Wm. Long,		3.00
Holden & Ellis, goods to Jerry Horan,		25.00
Holden & Ellis, goods to Daniel Matteson,		5.00
Alfred Trumbull, milk to J. Sheehan,		4.80
A. L. Haynes, coal and wood to Mrs. L. Brown,		10.00
City of Holyoke, aid to Patrick and Honora Lynch,		106.60
J. B. Shaw, aid to James Hannifin,		36.00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, support of S. B. Olds,		72.00
Essex House of Correction, support of Francis Cooley,		19.56
City of Springfield, aid to Mrs. Maurice Hannifin,		85.95
City of Springfield, aid to P. S. Thompson and family,		1.50
J. B. Shaw, goods to Mrs. M. Dawson for Prindable boy,		3.00
Northampton Hospital, support of Abbie A. Lines,		188.97
Northampton Hospital, support of James Sullivan, 3d,		191.45
Northampton Hospital, support of Harriet Gerald,		176.83
Northampton Hospital, support of Mary Curran,		172.48
Northampton Hospital, support of Daniel O'Leary,		51.26
Northampton Hospital, support of Jeremiah Shea,		48.75
Town of Sturbridge, aid to H. Cobleigh family,		183.63
Town of Bolton, aid to G. E. Burpee,		1.40
D. F. Holden, goods to Mrs. L. Brown,		30.00
Rebecca A. Palmer, Dr. Wilkins, attendance, Duncan boy,		3.00
		$2,413.14
Received from City of Worcester,	$34.00	
Town of North Brookfield,	106.99	
Hardwick,	10.50—	$151.49
		$2,261.65

STATE PAUPERS.

H. G. Loomis, cash paid Mrs. McCarthy, care Kenedy family,	$9.00
H. G. Loomis, cash paid Ed. Lynch, care Kenedy family,	9.00
Loomis Brothers, goods for Kenedy family,	8.75
Loomis Brothers, coffin and robe for Barney Kenedy,	14.00
J. F. Holbrook, coal for Kenedy family,	2.50
F. R. Wright, milk for Kenedy family,	1.05
Wm. Holbrook, attendance on Kenedy family,	23.50
H. P. Holden, goods for Kenedy family,	4.32
O. P. Allen, medicine for Kenedy family,	2.33
J. W. Weeks, team to funeral, Kenedy family,	2.00
M. C. Mory, taking John Clemence to Tewksbury,	12.39
E. L. Greenleaf, taking Bridget Franklin to Tewksbury,	12.00
J. J. Moynahan, opening grave for Barney Kenedy,	2.00
Loomis Brothers, coffin for Mary Cotto,	10.00
Loomis Brothers, coffin for Prosper Brunell,	6.00
Loomis Brothers, coffin for man killed by cars,	10.00
Wm. Holbrook, attendance on Michael Sullivan,	73.00
J. J. Moynahan, opening grave, Mary Cotto,	2.00
J. J. Moynahan, coffin for Giline child,	5.00
J. H. Thayer, goods for Charles Woods,	5.00
A. L. Haynes, coal and wood for Charles Woods,	6.50
	$220.34
Received from the State,	147.70
Balance due from State,	$72.64

H. G. LOOMIS,
E. G. HASTINGS,
JOSEPH KERIGAN, } *Overseers of Poor of Palmer.*

SCHOOL REPORT.

The School Committee respectfully submit the following report:

The general condition of the schools for the year just closed has been progressive. The ordinary hindrances to school work, such as cases of severe discipline, sudden removal of teachers, and the closing of schools for sundry reasons, have not been experienced during the period covered by this report. The unity of thought and action among the different members of the Committee has contributed in no small degree to this harmonious result. No matter of grave importance has been decided by any individual member of the Committee, but all school matters have been discussed and settled at their regular monthly meetings. The responsibility of important action is thereby borne by the entire Board rather than by its individual members. Of the work done this year the Committee would call attention to the following details:

INSTRUCTION.

While no radical changes have been made in old methods of instruction, still they have been greatly improved by following the oral system more generally. The method introduced some years since into the Primary grades, has been adopted in the Intermediate and Grammar departments with equal satisfaction. The Committee, however, have not entirely discarded the use of text-books, but would limit them rather to the instruction of advanced pupils. It has also been the aim of the Committee to accept only those text-books generally approved as the best.

The old Payson, Dunton and Scribner's Writing Book has been displaced by the Business Standard, manifestly its superior; and the Franklin Series has been supplemented by the Monroe.

TEACHERS.

As all changes in the corps of teachers have been made at the regular sessions of the Board, the utmost care has been exercised in appointing only those who are thoroughly competent, and the general condition of the schools we think justifies this carefulness. It gives the Committee pleasure to announce that no teacher has been discharged either for misdemeanor or inefficiency as instructors, and only two as failures in discipline.

NEW SCHOOL HOUSE.

During the present year a new school-house has been built in the vicinity of the Wire Mills, which satisfies all the school requirements in this section of the town. This building is patterned after the new school-house at Thorndike, and is a model two-room school building, being ample, light and well ventilated.

HIGH SCHOOL ACCOMMODATION.

The Committee feel compelled to make an urgent appeal to the citizens of the town for more suitable High school accommodations. It is the deep conviction of the entire Board, that the present arrangement is not only inadequate to the demand, but a serious detriment to the progress of the school. We are also unanimously agreed in that the time has fully come for the purchase of land and the erection thereon of a building solely for High school purposes. The Committee would respectfully call the attention of the town to this very important consideration.

REPAIRS.

A very small sum, comparatively, has been expended this year in repairs, as the Committee found the school buildings generally in good condition. The large Thorndike school-

house, the fence around the upper school building in the same village, and the Whiting school-house have been painted.

REPORT OF SCHOOLS IN DETAIL.

PALMER DEPOT.

The High school has been taught for the past two years by Mr. F. W. Whitney, a graduate of the Boston School of Technology. Mr. Whitney is well versed in the natural sciences, and his school has shown considerable life and enthusiasm in these specific branches. During the year Mr. Whitney has been assisted by Miss E. N. Baxter and Miss Eva E. Kenerson, both of whom were valuable auxiliaries. The Grammar school has been unfortunate this year in some respects. The spring term was kept by Miss Inez Burleigh, a teacher of fine education, but whose ability as a disciplinarian was not equal to the severe demands of the school. Miss Burleigh has since taught the Wire Mill school with decided success. The fall and winter terms of the Grammar school were in charge of Miss Mary E. Marsh, in all respects a superior teacher, but whose frequent illness has somewhat retarded the progress which would otherwise have been made.

The Intermediate school has been taught by Miss Dora M. Merrick, a teacher of experience, but lacking in discipline. The other two schools, taught by Miss Minnie S. Burleigh and Mrs. Georgie S. Gilchrist, have been fully up to their usual standard.

The spring term of the Blanchardville school was in charge of Miss Mary E. Brewer, who had previously taught in town. This teacher, while successful as an instructor, did not meet the requirements of the school in respect to government. The last two terms of the year have been taught by Miss Hattie M. Blanchard, who has displayed an energy in the school-room always commendable in a teacher.

THREE RIVERS.

During the past year six schools have been maintained in this portion of the town. The Grammar school has been fav-

ored with two excellent teachers: Misses C. T. Merrick, a somewhat inexperienced but thoroughly enthusiastic teacher, and E. G. Ward, an older instructor, who has given eminent satisfaction.

The Committee very much regretted to lose Mrs. Mary A. Potter from the Third Primary, who has taught the school so long and successfully, but her place has been well supplied in Miss Minnie C. Hoyt. The resignation of Miss Sarah A. Buxton, who had long occupied her position in the Second Intermediate, was also deplored by the Committee; but her successor, Miss Addie M. Hoyt, has filled the place acceptably. The other three grades, taught by Miss Frances Beauregard, Miss Sarah E. Knox, and Miss Belle H. Searle, have been excellent in every respect.

BOND'S VILLAGE.

The changes among the corps of teachers in this village have been too frequent for the highest welfare of the schools. The first teacher in the Grammar school this year was Mr. E. H. Webster, who gave entire satisfaction. Mr. Webster was followed by Mr. M. L. Miner, who was more successful as an instructor than as a disciplinarian.

The Intermediate school still continues in charge of Mrs. C. C. Ely, whose school always gives evidence of her thorough fitness for teaching.

During the spring term the First and Second Primary grades were taught by Misses Addie M. and Minnie C. Hoyt, who were very thorough in instruction, although somewhat severe in the amount of work expected of the pupil—a commendable quality in higher departments. The Misses Hoyt were succeeded by Miss Emma E. Proctor and Miss Mary T. Leonard, both of whose schools merit praiseworthy mention.

THORNDIKE.

This village sustains five graded schools: one Grammar, two Intermediate, and two Primary schools, in which no changes

have been made during the past year. Mr. B. A. Farr, an experienced teacher, has been at the head of the Grammar school for the entire year. The excellence of this school has steadily increased during the three terms of Mr. Farr's teaching, and his popularity as an instructor is well attested by the number of pupils enrolled above the age of compulsory attendance and by the evening school under his management.

The Intermediate school has been in charge of Miss Ida A. Taft for the past four years. Miss Taft is thorough in instruction, impartial, strict, though not severe in discipline, and always gives satisfaction to the Committee.

The Primary school is still kept by Mrs. M. E. Murdock, who has been the longest of any teacher in the employ of the town. Mrs. Murdock possesses great tact for teaching a primary department, and consequently her school never fails to make a very favorable impression.

The two schools in the new building are taught by Miss Maggie A. Sullivan and Miss Nellie H. Searle, both of whom are competent and experienced, and their schools have fully met the expectations of the Committee.

PALMER CENTER.

Two teachers have been employed in this school during the past year: Miss Hattie M. Blanchard, who was removed at her own request to the Blanchardville school, and Miss Nellie H. Cobb. The fact that this teacher is so fortunate as to give general satisfaction in the community is sufficient evidence of her peculiar fitness for the management of children.

THE OUT DISTRICTS.

There are four schools in the outskirts of the town: The Shaw, Shorley, Whiting and Mason. The Shaw school has been in charge of Miss Isabelle Mill. Although this is the smallest school in town, its work has been both excellent and progressive.

The Shorley school still has Miss Annie E. Olney in charge,

whose labors, in spite of the petty opposition of a disaffected neighbor, meet the entire approval of the Committee.

Two teachers have instructed the Whiting school the year past: Miss Julia A Breckenridge and Miss A. C. Dickinson. The former left to the regret of pupils, parents and Committee alike. Her successor, Miss Dickenson, is less experienced, but bids fair to become a successful teacher.

For two years Miss Jennie R. Williston has taught the Mason school, and with such success that the Committee have promoted her to the vacancy in the Thorndike Intermediate, occasioned by the removal of Miss Taft to the Palmer Intermediate.

In presenting the following detailed statement of the expenditures of the town made under the direction of the School Committee, the Committee desire to say that they have endeavored in every transaction to be prudent and economical, and although there was found a legacy of debt from their predecessors, the expenditures, as a whole, have been kept within the appropriations made by the town. The sum raised last year for teachers, fuel and care of houses was manifestly inadequate, and should be materially increased the coming year.

EXPENDITURES.

CASH PAID TEACHERS.

DEPOT VILLAGE.

F. W. Whitney, High School, . . .	$1,000.00	
E. N. Baxter, Assistant High School, .	180.00	
Eva E. Kenerson, Assistant High School,	270.00	
Inez Burleigh, Grammar, ...	115.50	
Mary E. Marsh, Grammar, . . .	231.00	
Dora M. Merrick, First Intermediate, .	315.00	
Minnie S. Burleigh, Second Intermediate, .	315.00	
Georgie S. Gilchrist, Primary, . . .	315.00	
		$2,741.50

THREE RIVERS.

C. F. Merrick, Grammar, ...	$300.00	
E. G. Ward, Grammar, ...	150.00	
Sarah E. Knox, ...	315.00	
Belle H. Searle, ...	315.00	
Frances Beauregard, ...	315.00	
Mary A. Potter, ...	210.00	
Addie M. Hoyt, ...	105.00	
Sarah A. Buxton, ...	210.00	
Minnie C. Hoyt, ...	105.00	
		$2,025.00

BOND'S VILLAGE.

E. H. Webster, Grammar, ...	$200.00	
M. L. Miner, Grammar, ...	250.00	
Mrs. C. C. Ely, ...	315.00	
Minnie C. Hoyt, ...	105.00	
Emma E. Proctor, ...	210.00	
Addie M. Hoyt, ...	105.00	
Mary E. Leonard, ...	210.00	
		$1,395.00

THORNDIKE.

B. A. Farr, Grammar, ...	$450.00	
Ida A. Taft, ...	315.00	
M. E. Murdock, ...	315.00	
M. A. Sullivan, ...	315.00	
Nellie H. Searle, ...	315.00	
		$1,710.00

UNGRADED SCHOOLS.

Jennie R. Williston, Mason, ...	$252.00	
Annie E. Olney, Shorley, ...	252.00	
Isabelle Mill, Shaw, ...	252.00	
Julia A. Breckenridge, Whiting, . .	90.00	
A. C. Dickinson, Whiting, . . .	180.00	
Mary E. Brewer, Blanchardville, . .	90.00	
Hattie M. Blanchard, Blanchardville, .	180.00	
Hattie M. Blanchard, Centre, . . .	90.00	
Nellie H. Cobb, Centre, ...	180.00	
Inez Burleigh, Wire Mill, ...	180.00	
		$1,746.00
Total paid for teachers, ...		$9,617.50

FUEL.

C. F. Smith, wood, Center and Whiting, .	$9.00	
C. R. Shaw, wood, Shaw, 1882, . .	6.00	
C. R. Shaw, wood, Shaw, . . .	18.50	
D. B. Bishop, coal, ...	19.13	
J. F. Holbrook, coal, ...	672.68	
N. W. Bond, wood, ...	13.25	
M. W. Kelleher, wood, ...	2.50	
H. M. Kendall, wood, ...	22.00	
John Kinevan, wood, ...	16.00	
Denis Mahoney, wood, ...	16.00	
C. F. Smith, wood, ...	16.50	
Ruth D. Naylor, wood, ...	1.25	
D. G. Reiley, wood, ...	1.50	
A. L. Haynes, wood, ...	35.00	
		$849.31

CARE OF HOUSES.

C. F. Merrick, Three Rivers, ...	$100.00
Fred'k Giffin, Three Rivers, ...	50.00
W. B. Thompson, Depot, ...	72.00
M. C. Morey, Depot, ...	104.51
Susan Gaffney, Depot, ...	4.00
Sarah Clark, Depot, ...	2.50
B. A. Farr, Thorndike, ...	54.00
M. W. Kelleher, Thorndike, ...	10.00

D. G. Reiley, Thorndike, ...	$20.00	
H. C. N. Cross, "	1.50	
E. H. Webster, Bond's Village, . . .	20.00	
M. L. Miner, Bond's Village, . . .	40.00	
C. R. Shaw, Shaw, ...	5.00	
J. H. Stimpson, Blanchardville, . .	9.00	
Cashman, Blanchardville, ...	5.00	
Silas B. Keith, Mason, ...	14.00	
Patrick Mahoney, Shorley, . . .	10.00	
H. C. Kerigan, Whiting, ...	11.50	
Leon G. Bartlett, Whiting, . . .	5.00	
Ruth D. Naylor, Center, ...	10.00	
C. H. Crosby, Wire Mill, ...	5.00	
Eugene Sikes, Wire Mill, ...	5.00	
		$558.01

REPAIRS.

Robinson & Brooks, sundries, . . .	$19.90	
Fisk & Co., repairing lightning rods, . .	35.35	
John Wilson, plumbing, etc., . . .	10.36	
Ryther & Willis, painting, Thorndike, .	51.82	
Robinson & Brooks, paints and oils, . .	54.49	
H. A. Smith, cash, repairs, Bond's village, .	22.00	
B. A. Farr, repairs, Thorndike, . .	21.55	
Madison & Lyman, labor, ...	6.31	
W. R. Madison, labor, ...	2.39	
C. E. Shumway, labor, ...	4.20	
George A. King, fence, Thorndike, . .	18.82	
L. Giffin, labor, ...	22.65	
Samuel Brown, labor, ...	4.00	
T. D. Potter, lumber, ...	2.12	
C. F. Smith, labor, ...	2.00	
J. H. Haynes, labor, ...	5.93	
J. F. Twiss, labor, ...	5.00	
E. C. Sexton, setting glass, . . .	1.62	
D. G. Reiley, setting glass, . . .	2.00	
		$292.51

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

W. A. Choate, erasers,	$30.00	
C. R. Shaw, supplies, Shaw,	2.90	
Insurance, Thorndike, Three Rivers and Mason,	72.00	
E. S. Ritchie, apparatus, 1882,	68.79	
A. M. Bond, supplies, Thorndike,	9.44	
F. W. Whitney, supplies, High School,	15.00	
O. P. Allen, books, etc.,	35.42	
C. B. Fisk, printing,	3.00	
H. P. Holden, supplies,	2.19	
Union School Furniture Co., dictionaries,	184.00	
Insurance, Bond's village, Center, Shaw and Whiting,	96 00	
Prang Educational Co., apparatus, 1882,	89.25	
Murdock Bros., supplies,	12.43	
D. F. Holden, books, etc.,	2.99	
M. W. French, rent of hall,	10.00	
Parmenter Crayon Co., crayons,	10.00	
J. H. Gamwell, water rent,	11.00	
Insurance, Wire Mill,	27.00	
Heath & Shaw, supplies,	4.54	
S. H. Brown, teaming, 1882,	3.85	
George A. Murdock, books, etc.,	18.50	
H. C. N. Cross, teaming,	1.25	
George L. Hitchcock, supplies,	8.62	
Ruth D. Naylor, supplies,	1.30	
L. G. Bartlett, supplies,	1.15	
A. H. Willis, rent of piano, 1881 to 1883,	82.00	
E. S. Brooks, clocks,	5.60	
Weld & Longley, pails,	2.00	
Holden & Ellis, supplies,	.66	
James B. Shaw, supplies,	2.45	
C. A. Brown & Co., stoves, etc.,	39.41	
T. W. Gilson, Gazetteer, 1882,	7.00	
C. E. Shumway, truant officer,	6.25	
Hubbard Lawrence, brooms, 1881–83,	5.84	
Prang Educational Co., apparatus,	20.64	
Silas Ruggles, histories,	4.86—	$897.33

SALARIES.

Charles H. Ricketts, services, committee,	$100.00	
E. B. Gates, services, committee,	100.00	
Silas Ruggles, services, committee,	100.00	
Homer A. Smith, services, committee,	100.00	
Thomas J. Sullivan, services, committee,	100.00	
Stephen S. Taft, services, committee,	100.00—	$600.00

Furnace, Thorndike, A. M. Bond, . .		200.00
Total paid by committee, . .		13,014.66
Bills contracted by former committee:		
C. R. Shaw, wood, ...	$6.00	
E. S. Ritchie, school apparatus, . .	68.79	
Prang Educational Co., apparatus, . .	89.25	
A. H. Willis, rent piano, ...	82.00	
S. H. Brown, teaming, ...	3.85	
T. W. Gilson, Gazateer, ...	7.00	
Hubbard Lawrence, brooms, ...	2.52—	$259.41
Expenses of current year, . .		$12,755.25

APPROPRIATIONS.

Teachers' salaries, care of houses, and fuel,	$10,000.00	
Contingencies, ...	900.00	
Repairs, ...	850.00	
Salary, School Committee, ...	600.00	
Furnace, Thorndike, ...	300.00	
Massachusetts school fund, ...	273.54	
From dog tax, ...	252.12	
Interest, Merrick fund, ...	34.34	
Cash for stove sold, ...	8.00	
Tuition, ...	7.00	
Rent of lot, Three Rivers, ...	5.00	
		$13,230.00

EXPENDITURES.

Teachers' salaries, ...	$9,617.50	
Fuel, ...	849.31	
Care houses, ...	558.01	
Repairs, ...	292.51	
Contingencies, ...	897.33	
Furnace, Thorndike, ...	200.00	
Salary, ...	600.00	
		$13,014.66
Balance in treasury, ...		$215.44

We would recommend that the town raise and appropriate, at the coming annual meeting, for:

Teachers' salaries, ...	$10,000.00
Fuel, ...	850.00
Care of houses, ...	550.00
Repairs, ...	500.00
Contingencies, ...	900.00

Tabular Statement of Schools.

	TEACHERS.	Average Membership and Attendance 1st Month.	2d Month.	3d Month.	4th Month.	5th Month.	6th Month.	7th Month.	8th Month.	9th Month.	10th Month	Average Membership for year.	Average Attendance.	Enrolled No.
Palmer High,	Frank W. Whitney,	35	33	30	27	35	35	35	35	35	34	37	36	52
	Miss E. E. Kenerson,	34*	32	28	26	34	34	34	33	34	33			
Palmer Grammar,	Inez Burleigh,	40	37	35	34	35	37	42	42	41		38	35	42
	Mary E. Marsh,	38	36	33	32	34	33	36	37	36				
First Intermediate,	Dora M. Merrick,	31	33	33	28	38	48	48	43	45		39	36	53
		28	27	28	27	36	48	45	39	41				
Second Intermediate,	Minnie S. Burleigh,	46	48	47	39	40	41	39	42	41		43	39	54
		42	43	43	37	39	39	34	38	36				
First Primary,	G. S. Gilchrist,	47	62	68	61	60	52	45	46	45		54	49	81
		32	55	61	57	56	48	40	41	48				
Three Rivers Gram.	C. F. Merrick,	22	21	18	20	23	22	25	26	25		22	18	40
	E. G. Ward,	21	19	16	15	19	16	21	23	22				
First Intermediate,	Miss S. A. Buxton,	29	27	29	33	37	37	33	36	36		32	30	35
	Addie M. Hoyt,	26	25	21	31	33	33	29	33	30				
Second Intermediate,	Miss B. H. Searle,	37	28	29	35	36	35	38	35	34		32	29	39
		29	25	21	33	32	31	33	31	31				
First Primary,	Miss F. Beauregard,	62	51	48	50	50	49	52	49	48		51	45	78
		50	48	39	47	46	44	50	45	42				
Second Primary,	Sarah E. Knox,	38	36	35	45	43	43	42	45	40		40	37	66
		36	31	32	44	40	35	38	43	38				
Third Primary,	Mary A. Potter,	35	34	32	30	34	32	32	29	25		31	29	46
	Minnie C. Hoyt,	32	31	29	29	32	29	28	27	23				
Bondsville Gram.	Edgar H. Webster,	34	27	29	32	36	36	37	36	30		33	30	45
	M. L. Miner,	31	25	22	31	34	34	34	32	27				
Intermediate,	Mrs. C. C. Ely,	24	25	25	26	27	26	28	27	26		26	25	33
		22	24	24	25	26	25	27	26	25				

Tabular Statement of Schools (Continued).

	TEACHERS.	Average Membership and Attendance 1st Month.	2d Month.	3d Month.	4th Month.	5th Month.	6th Month.	7th Month.	8th Month.	9th Month.	10th Month	Average Membership for year.	Average Attendance.	Enrolled No.
First Primary,	Minnie C. Hoyt,	56	67	61	66	66	66	53	50	48		59	59	100
	Mary Leonard,	55	62	59	60	61	60	47	45	41				
Second Primary,	Addie M. Hoyt,	45	49	48	44	48	48	41	42	43		45	42	53
	Emma E. Proctor	43	46	45	41	43	45	38	39	39				
Thorndike Grammar,	B. A. Farr,	38	38	34	35	34	34	39	39	42		37	34	43
		31	32	30	34	32	32	36	35	40				
First Intermediate,	Ida A. Taft,	46	42	40	47	48	44	40	42	42		43	41	53
		44	40	38	44	46	42	37	40	40				
First Primary,	Mary A. Murdock,	55	56	53	57	60	56	55	51	50		54	48	75
		50	48	46	53	56	51	49	46	45				
Second Intermediate,	Maggie A. Sullivan,	27	27	26	41	40	38	37	40	42		35	34	50
		25	25	25	40	39	37	34	38	41				
Second Primary,	Nellie H. Searle,	52	49	45	45	45	42	38	49	38		45	41	71
		50	44	43	42	42	37	33	44	35				
Palmer Center,	Hattie M. Blanchard,	17	16	14	20	25	25	23	23	22		23	19	34
	Helen H. Cobb,	15	14	12	18	23	22	21	20	20				
Wire Mills,	Inez Burleigh,				34	37	33	35	34	33		34	31	44
					31	35	31	30	31	29				
Blanchardville,	Mary E. Brewer,	24	26	24	35	34	29	25	27	26		27	25	46
	Hattie M. Blanchard,	23	24	23	32	32	26	23	25	22				
Whiting,	Julia A. Breckenridge	14	14	13	17	16	15	14	14	13		15	13	17
	Addie C. Dickinson,	13	13	12	14	13	14	13	13	12				
Shorley,	Annie E. Olney,	13	14	13	9	10	11	12	12	12		15	13	17
		11	12	11	9	9	10	10	11	12				
Shaw,	Isabelle Mill,	11	9	9	8	9	9	8	9	9		9	8	12
		10	8	8	7	8	8	8	8	8				
Mason,	Jennie R. Williston,	10	14	15	14	18	17	16	15	15		15	13	25
		9	12	13	13	14	14	15	14	14				

Number of children between 5 and fifteen years of age, May 1, 1883, ...	
Number enrolled during the year in all the schools, . .	1,274
Average membership for the year, ...	940
Average attendance, ...	854

CHARLES H. RICKETTS,
E. B. GATES,
SILAS RUGGLES,
H. A. SMITH,
THOMAS J. SULLIVAN,
STEPHEN S. TAFT.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

This certifies that we have examined the accounts of the Treasurer, Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee and Tax Collector, for the year ending March 1, 1884, and find them correctly cast. The sums expended for State and military aid appear on a monthly pay-roll, the items being marked "paid." We find vouchers on file for all other disbursements entered on the Treasurer's books. The balance in the treasury consists of a certificate of deposit in Palmer National Bank for $5,000, and $1,268.47 in money.

D. B. BISHOP,
GEO. C. BUELL, } *Auditors.*